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H.B. No. 2154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the physician education loan repayment program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 153.053(a) and (c), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall collect a fee surcharge as follows:

(1) \$200 for the license fee;

(2) \$425 [~~\$400~~] for the first registration permit;

(3) \$425 [~~\$400~~] for renewal of a registration permit;

and

(4) \$200 for reinstatement of a license after cancellation for cause.

(c) Of each surcharge collected under Subsections (a)(2) and (3), the board shall deposit \$110 [~~\$100~~] to the credit of the foundation school fund, \$25 to the credit of the account created under Section 61.5391, Education Code, and the remainder [~~\$300~~] to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION 2. Section 61.535(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The coordinating board shall deliver any repayment made under this subchapter in a lump sum:

(1) payable to both the lender and the physician, in accordance with federal law; or

(2) delivered directly to the lender on behalf of the

1 physician in electronic form.

2 SECTION 3. Subchapter J, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 61.5391 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 61.5391. PHYSICIAN EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
5 ACCOUNT. The physician education loan repayment program account is
6 an account in the general revenue fund. Money in that account may
7 be appropriated only for the physician education loan repayment
8 program under this subchapter. Interest or other earnings on the
9 balance of the account shall be credited to the account. Section
10 403.095, Government Code, does not apply to the account created
11 under this section.

12 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act in amending
13 Section 153.053, Occupations Code, applies only to the issuance or
14 renewal of a registration permit the application for which is filed
15 with the Texas Medical Board on or after the effective date of this
16 Act. The issuance or renewal of a registration permit the
17 application for which is filed with the Texas Medical Board before
18 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
19 the application is filed, and the former law is continued in effect
20 for that purpose.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.